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CORPUS CHRISTI

THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



MARCH – MONTH DEDICATED TO
ST JOSEPH

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 31ST MARCH 2024 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

SUNDAY 31ST

✠ EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

9.30 am Said Mass in English
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin
NB No Holy Hour

*Ps Wk 1
Pro Populo
Eric Pollock RIP*

MONDAY 1ST APRIL – BANK HOLIDAY

EASTER MONDAY

10.00 am Mass *Diego & Aynara Foyo – Wedding Anniversary*
6.30 pm Mass (1962 Missal)

TUESDAY 2ND

TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

No public Mass today. Private Mass offered for *Deacon Anthony Clark RIP*

WEDNESDAY 3RD

WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Mary & Jack Neame RIP*
5.00 pm Holy Hour

THURSDAY 4TH

THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Liam Bell RIP – Anniversary*
6.30 pm **Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass** *Sodality Members*

FRIDAY 5TH

FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass *Ele Miachi-Idachaba – sick*
No Holy Hour today. Apologies. *(No Friday Abstinence)*

SATURDAY 6TH

SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

5.00 pm Exposition
6.00 pm Vigil Mass *Pro Populo*

SUNDAY 7TH

✠ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.30 am Said Mass in English
11.30 am Sung Mass in Latin
5.00 pm Holy Hour

*Ps Wk 2
Juliana Latre Sibi Arthur – sick
Fr Pat Moloney RIP*

Confessions: Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or by making an appointment with the Rector.

Exposition & Benediction: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each weekday, except Tuesdays from 12noon – 1pm, and every day, except Tuesdays, from 5pm – 6pm, which includes Vespers, Rosary and Benediction

Eucharistic Prayer Group: Young Adults Prayer Group each Wednesday 7pm in Church with Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary. Contact Annette: ccpguk@gmail.com

ALLELUIA!

Surrexit Dominus vere! Alleluja! The Lord's Resurrection marks the renewal of our human condition. Christ triumphed over death, caused by our sin, and restores us to immortal life. This event gave rise to the whole of the Church's life and to the very existence of Christians.

In this Easter week, we read in the first missionary discourse of the nascent Church: "This Jesus", the Apostle Peter proclaimed, "God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you see and hear".

One of the characteristic signs of faith in the Resurrection is the greeting among Christians during Eastertide, inspired by the ancient liturgical hymn: "Christ is risen! / He is truly risen!". It is a profession of faith and a commitment of life, as it was for the women described in Matthew's Gospel: "And behold, Jesus met them and said: 'Hail'. And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see me'".

"The whole Church", the Pope St. Paul VI wrote, "receives the mission to evangelize, and the work of each individual member is important for the whole... She remains as a sign — simultaneously obscure and luminous — of a new presence of Jesus, of his departure and of his permanent presence. She prolongs and continues him".

How can we encounter the Lord and increasingly become his authentic witnesses? St Maximus of Turin stated: "Anyone who wishes to reach the Saviour must first, in his own faith, seat him at the right hand of the Divinity, and place him with heartfelt conviction in Heaven", in other words one must learn to focus the gaze of one's mind and heart constantly on the heights of God, where the Risen Christ is. In this way God encounters man in prayer and adoration.

The theologian Romano Guardini noted that "adoration is not something additional, something secondary... it is a matter of the utmost importance, of feeling and of being. In adoration man recognizes what is valid in the pure, simple and holy sense". Only if we are able to turn to God, to pray him, do we discover the deepest meaning of our life and the daily routine is illuminated by the light of the Risen One.

With greater joy than ever, the Church celebrates these eight days in a special way, as she recalls the Lord Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. Let us pray fervently that the joy and peace of Our Lady, Mary of Magdala and the Apostles will be our own as we welcome the Risen Lord into our hearts and lives.

MASS INTENTIONS

The earliest dates available are now in **June**. To book a Mass, you can use the envelopes at the back of the church or online at maidenlane.org.uk/intentions

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £6, or online at maidenlane.org.uk/lamps.

SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The next Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Mass is on **Thursday 4th April at 6:30pm**. This month's guest preacher will be **Fr Christopher Vipers**, Parish Priest of St Mary Moorfields. Mass will conclude as usual with a period of Adoration and Benediction. To find out more about the Sodality, and to become a member, visit sodality.co.uk

LONDON EUCHARISTIC OCTAVE 2024

We are delighted to once again be hosting the London Eucharistic Octave this year. The Octave will run from **Saturday 25th May until Sunday 2nd June**. Each weekday that week, at 6:30pm, there will be a Mass according to the various rites and uses of the Catholic Church, including the Dominican Rite, the Ukrainian Catholic Divine Liturgy, as well as the Ordinariate Use of the Roman Rite. In the midst of all of this, the annual *Quarant'Ore*, or Forty Hours' Devotion, will run from **Thursday 30th May – Saturday 1st June**. The week will conclude with the Solemnity of Corpus Christi on Sunday 2nd June beginning at 11am, when we will be welcome His Excellency, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, to celebrate Mass. To conclude, the Annual Corpus Christi Procession through London will depart from here at the end of Mass, to Warwick Street, where there will be a period of Adoration and the opportunity to purchase lunch locally, before departing Warwick Street heading to Spanish Place at 3:30pm. For full details of the Octave, visit catholiclondon.org

VOCATIONS DAYS: 'COME AND SEE'

Men who are interested in exploring vocations to the priesthood or the permanent diaconate are invited to come along to the Vocations Team's 'Come & See' Vocations Mornings on one of the following days:

❖ **Sat 16th March**, 10am-2pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN;

❖ **Sat 20th April**, 10am-2pm at Our Lady and St Vincent Church Hall, 243 Mutton Lane, Potters Bar EN6 2AT;

Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. To find out more and to register attendance at one of the days, please contact: Canon Roger Taylor, Vocations Promoter, at robertaylor@rcdow.org.uk

OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN MAY PROCESSION

The annual May Procession will take place at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden on **Sunday 12th May**, at 3pm.

ANNUAL MASS FOR MARRIAGE

Westminster Cathedral, **Saturday 25th May**, at 2.30pm. Our Cardinal Archbishop is inviting to this Mass all couples in the diocese, who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please contact Alex at maidenlane@rcdow.org.uk by Friday 5th April, and give him the following details: husband and wife's names & wedding date.

CONFESSION

Confessions are heard for half an hour before all Masses, or upon request. Do make use of this wonderful Sacrament which restores our relationship with the Lord.

Our sick parishioners and friends: Natalie Williams, Douglas Adams, Norma Stanes, Phil Bawden, Almudena Dagn, Brona Lynch, Sheena Colman, Christos Hana, Philip Barney, Donna Webb, Christopher Bronne, Sandra Jones, Velrich Fernandes, Kee Ow Peng, Maria Jessiman, Sue Wingfield, Marilyn Bruce-Mitford, Peter Noakes, Tony Pearce, David Jordan, Christopher Browne, Margaret Griffith, Pascal James, Jean Bernard, Brian Keenan, Sid Shepherd, Terry Miles, John Hughes, Nicholas Pollock, Fr Patrick Hayward, Traute Pollock, Noël Tobin, Geoff Smale, David Michael Barrett, John Lynch, Ann Gorman, Janet Seeley **Of your charity – please pray for those who have died recently:** Fr Michael Daley, Ann Slater, Ann Christine Leece, Johanna Sophia Pretorius, Pauline Lewis, Michael O'Toole, John Hughes, Fr Mark James Leenane, William Blake, Eve Schreiber, Soumaya Tabet, Eugene Owen Monahan, Thomas Hunt, Joy Fleischmann, George Cardinal Pell, Pope Benedict XVI, Veronica Davies, Vivien May Adams, Irene Walters, Gerard Joseph